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SUBJECT: ZAIRE

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1. OFFICIALS AT PRESIDENCY AND MIN EXTAFF REVIEWED THE VISIT APRIL 12-14 OF ANGOLAN DELEGATION HEADED BY ANDRE MIRANDA, ANGOLAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BASED IN ZAMBIA, AND CONSISTING OF DR. B. SEQUEIRA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND FERNANDO LEAL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. GOB OFFICIALS SAID ANGOLAN DELEGATION DENIED THERE IS "UNREST" IN ANGOLA AND DISMISSED CLAIMS THAT "ANGOLANS ARE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING IN SHABA PROVINCE" OF ZAIRE. BOTH IN COMMENTS TO PRESS AND IN PRIVATE THEY DENIED ANGOLA WAS SUPPLYING ARMS TO KATANGA GENDARMES. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ANYONE BELIEVED THEM, BOTH OFFICIALS SMILED AND SAID THEY KNEW THERE WAS NO OTHER CHANNEL OF ARMS FOR KATANGESE AND OPENLY RIDICULED THE ANGOLAN ALLEGATION.

2. GOB OFFICIALS ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF FRENCH/MOROCCAN AID TO ZAIRE. I DREW ON REFTEL REPORTS THAT AID WAS ARRIVING. GOB OFFICIALS ADDED THAT, ACCORDING TO THEIR SOURCES, 750
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MOROCCANS HAD ARRIVED AND ANOTHER 750 WERE EXPECTED. GOB OFFICIALS REGRETTED FRENCH ROLE WHICH THEY FELT WOULD CREATE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS THAT INTERVENTION BY MOROCCO ALONE WOULD NOT HAVE AROUSED. THEY WERE CONVINCED MOROCCO MUST HAVE THE AIRLIFT CAPABILITY AND WONDERED WHY IT CALLED ON FRANCE. (I DID NOT ATTEMPT TO RESPOND.)

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